

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: DECEMBER 3, 2009****DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER**☐ Consent ☒ Discussion**SUBJECT:**

ABEYANCE - DIR-35929 – DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING - Progress report by the Planning & Development Department regarding input received at public input meetings for corridor and walkable community plans.

P.C.: NO ACTION**PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:****Planning Commission Mtg.****City Council Meeting****APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:****Planning Commission Mtg.****City Council Meeting****RECOMMENDATION:****NONE****BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Conditions (Not Applicable) and Staff Report

Minutes:

Report given. No action required.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open.

FLINN FAGG, Planning and Development, stated that in March of 2009 the concept of walkable community plans was introduced. He presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the public's input and suggestions relative to the plans. Relating to the Village Square Walkable Community Plan, staff would be looking at the possibility of having secured gates between residential and commercial properties, in order to allow residents to walk to necessary services much more easily.

Despite the fact that notices were sent out to all residents and property owners within the planned areas identified, as well as to all registered neighborhood associations, the turnout for the meetings was less than anticipated. Those who attended were excited to see improvements to walkability in their neighborhood and the aesthetic appeal of their corridor. Therefore, staff is working on a plan for better public participation from residents and business owners of these three areas. Staff is currently working on proposals to address the initial concerns and intends to hold a series of neighborhood meetings in January and February to engage the residents and business owners.

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CHAIR TROWBRIDGE remarked that the areas in Ward 2 and Ward 4, Sun City and the Lakes, appear to be areas that the walkable community plan would have applicability. MR. FAGG replied that staff has not addressed those areas yet and is trying to assess how the process works and the document itself.

COMMISSIONERS QUINN and ELLSWORTH asked that they be informed when future meetings, including neighborhood meetings, will be held.

COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL suggested using signs announcing the meetings. If people believe there might be a potential problem in their neighborhood, they would be interested in attending the meetings. MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated that staff is exploring a variety of options, such as church bulletins, community and cultural events and signage. It is a major issue for staff to get greater involvement before moving forward with other plans.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed.

